GEN. MERRITT

On Leasons to Be Gained From South African War.

THE ENGLISH ERRED

In Underrating the Strength and Powers of the Boers-British Were Not Fighting An Uncivilized En emy, but One Who Had Improved Opportunity and Prepared For the Conflict-British to Win, But When?

General Wesley Merritt, in an Interview on the war in Africa, says:

In consenting to give my views of the military aspects of the war South Africa I would like it to be dis-tinetly understood that I am not criticising the ability of the heads of the British army, I say simply what I believe the results of the operations there prove would have been the better for these generals to have pursued. They have learned their lessons, and I have no doubt it will put them upon the right track in the future.

England's Great Error.

Perhaps the most striking feature of the war is the fact that the British seem to have committed the great er ror of "despising their enemy," the Boers, No power which has ever done this has escaped cause to regret it, and I confess that I am surprised the Britiish should have done as they did. A maxim as old as war itself is to the effect. "Do not despise-underrate-the

The British appear to have been very negligent in their scouting work. This is the next thing that surprises me. In a comparatively unknown country, with a rough surface, a general's lirst, duty should be assiduous attention to his secuting department. These scouts should be men thoroughly trained in that particular sort of scouting-men who would not allow themselves to be deceived by mere appearances on the surface, and who would thoroughly explore the country in advance

On the other hard, the Boers have pald remarkable attention to these two I am convinced that to these two pleces of foresight on the part of the Boers, more than all else, must be attributed the signal success of their encounters with the British.

No Fuzziwigs This Time.

For the last half century the British have been accustomed to fighting an uncivilized for-an enemy who were at best exceedingly brave, many times and quite often well equipped-and it was rather a matter of course that the British drifted into the belief that all foes could be handled in the same general manner. It does not appear to have occurred to the British that the Boers had plenty of time and opportunity to import a large number of milltary experts from among the minor officers of countries secretly antagonistic to Great Britain. The British did not seem to appreciate the fact that there were among continental army officers of the lower grades many an adventure some man more than willing to fight on

the Boer side.

The British and the Boers both knew the trouble was coming, but the Boers seem to have exhibited their superior strategy in that respect at least by making all their preparations for trouble at the proper time. The fact that Kruger declared war upon the British long before the British were ready or expectant should have shown the British that the Boers were prepared and and the British should have handled their army with much more

Not in Shape for War.

It strikes me that the rank and file of the British army were not in just the proper attitude for the war with the Transvaal. It must be remembered that the British have been fighting people for the last fifty years whose mode of warfare compelled their enemies to give way when charged at the point of the bayonet by the brave Eng lish soldiers. In consequence the British rank and file expected as a mermatter of course that when they would leap into the jaws of death, charging the trenches of the Boers at the point of the bayonet, the Boers would be terror-stricken and fly. The Boers much British ural that the British rank and



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feeling to hold back a bit in faiore should be sort of demoralized temporally-for the very bravest men would do so under the same circumstances But what was the result? Why, the officers felt it necessary to forge nomewhat shead of their men, to implie them with fresh courage. It is in con-sequence of this that the British loss so remarkably a large number of their

Brave But Incautious.

I think the British officers have exhibited exceptional bravery in this war, but I believe also that they have no right to expose themselves in this fash-The interests of their commands and the interests of the whole army de mand that officers be more careful of the way they expose themselves.

It strikes me that it was a mistake for the British to force so many additional fights when they found them-selves defeated for the third consecutive time. I think it would have been wiser for them to hold back a little while longer to recover themselves in-stead of forcing another light with an enemy emboldened by the atmosphere of recent victory.

Rough Riders Not Favored.

Too much importance is being at-tached to the value of the rough rider in the English army, as well as in America. The opinion I have held about rough riders for a long while has been fully borne out by the results in South Africa. The rough rider is not the "coming soldier," as the general public is inclined to imagine. The backbone of all powerful armies is, and always will be, the solid, regular files of rigidly disciplined infantry and artillery. The rough rider us a battle fighter is in his own way and that of his army. Roose velt's regiment was indeed a success, but that regiment was situated in unusual circumstances. In the Philippines in many instances during the Civil war and notably during the campaign of 1876, when Custer was killed, the rough rider proved himself anything but a perfect battler. The only good use for rough riders generally is for scouting purposes, and it must be said that in this work they cannot be surpassed.

Britain to Win, But When? I would not venture any predictions as to how long the war will last. It owers continue to be neutral, but the length of the war will depend upon what preparations the Boers have made The outer defenses may be the only at first considered to be an earthquake, important defenses the Boers have, al.

The cause of the explosion is a mystery. though I do not think they are, and the nature of their interior defenses will determine the length of their fighting. Of course it is out of the question to imagine that simply because the Boers have checked ever; English general so far the English will not begin new tactics and win by these and their su-perior strength. All other things remaining as at present, the British must win

QUEEN VICTORIA'S SPEECH

At the Opening of Parliament Touches on the South African War, the Heroism and Loyalty of Troops, the Famine in India, the Plague, and Appropriations for the Conduct of the War.

LONDON, Jan. 30.-The speech at the reassembling of parliament to-day was as follows:

"My Lords and Gentlemen: The peac which had recently been broken in South Africa when tast I addressed yo has, unhappily, not been restored, but otherwise my relations with other states are friendly. In resisting the invasion of my South African colonies by the South African republic and Orange Free State my people have responded with devotion and enthusiasm to the appeal which I have made to them, and heroism of my soldiers in the field and my sallors and marines who were landed to co-operate with them had not fallen short of the noblest traditions of our military history.

I am deeply grieved that so many valuable lives should have fallen a sa rifice, but I have witnessed with pride and with heartiest gratification the patriotic eagerness and spontaneous loy-alty with which my subjects in all parts of my dominions have come forward to thate in the common defense of their imperial interests. I am con fident I shall not look to them in vain when I export them to sustain and renew their exertions until they have brought this struggle for the mainten ance of the empire and the assertion of Its supremney in South Africa to a vic-

"A treaty has been concluded with the German emperor for the adjust-ment of the rights claimed by the two countries in Samon, Tonga and other islands in the Pacific. To a portion of stipulations the government of "A bill will be introduced at an early date to give effect to the scheme of fedgration, which has been adopted after most careful consideration by five of my Australian colonies

I have watched with cordial satisfaction the gradual development of my greater calonios into self-governing communities. I feel condident that the satisfishment of the great federation of Australia will prove advantageous not only to the colonies immediately concerned, but also to the couple at large.

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like qualities of the colonial forces enearned high admiration, and patriotic offers of assistance, which it was not possible to accept, have come from of various races. I have received from the ruling chiefs of native states of India numerous offers to place their troops and the resources of their states at my disposal for service in South Africa. These proofs of their loyalty to myself and their devotion to the cause of my empire have afforded me much gratification.
"I regret that owing to insufficient

rainfall in the autumn over a great part of western and central India the harvest and pasturage have failed to such an extent as to create a famine. Timely measures have been taken by my government and by the rulers of the native states affected to relieve the suffering and prevent starvation.

"I regret to add that the epidemic of plugue continues, and that although its severity has not increased alone last year, there is at present no prospect of

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The estimates for the public service of the year will be laid before The provision for military expenditure must be largely increased on account of the charge for military op-erations in South Africa. The experience of a great war must necessarily afford lessons of the greatest impor-tance to the military administrations of the country. You will not, I am convinced, shrink from any outlay that may be required to place our defensive preparations on a level with the responsibilities which the possession of so great an empire has laid upon us at a time when several other hations are perfecting their naval preparations at the cost of increasing efforts and sacrifices, the policitude with which have provided for the efficiency of our navy and our coast defenses will assuredly not be relaxed."

The rest of the speech, recognizing that the time is not propitious for domestic reforms involving large expenditure, recommends amendments to the agricultural, educational. railway and accident laws, and concludes:

"It appears that service in South Africa may have the effect of disfranchising those taking part in it, and you will be asked to sanction a measure by which this injustice will be prevented. "I commend your deliberations at this anxious time to the blessing and

guidance of Almighty God."

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

In a Quarry Near Detroit-One Man

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 30.-A region fully ten miles square on both sides of the Detroit river was shaken by an explosion of 500 pounds of dynamite which occurred to-day at the stone works of the Sibley Quary Company The quary is located near the Detroit river between Wyandotte and Trenton. Nelson Burbo, an employe, who had charge of the explosive, was killed. Mrs. Thomas Fitspatrick, whose house is near the scene, was badly cut by flywould seem that the British are cer-tain to win eventually, if all foreign injured. All windows in the immediate vicinity were shattered and houses shaken. The shock was distinctly felt on both American and Canadian sides in the interior of their territory, and of the Detroit river for about its entire this no one in America can estimate, length. In Detroit and Windsor it was

LAKE SHORE PRESIDENT

Discredits Story of Short Line to Chicago.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 30.-Referring to the report that the Vanderbilts would shortly have a new short line between Pittsburg and Chicago, Presideat Newman, of the Lake Shore, who has just returned from New York, says:

"No new line is contemplated. The rumor is simply an old story rehashed. don't think any one proposes build ing a new line at the present price of material. We have an arrangement ith lines out of Cleveland for handling the business that the proposed new fine would handle."

Asked if the recent purchase of the ould have any significance in that regard, Mr. Newnan sald:

"It might, as it gives us a new line through that territory. The matter has not been discussed recently, however."

CAPT. NEVILLE

To Sail for Samoan Islands to Assume Dutles.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30,-Capt. Wendell C. Neville, commander of the marine corps at the Brooklyn navy yard, who has been appointed governor of the isiand of Tutuila, received orders last night to prepare to go to the Samoan islands at once. It has been decided to establish a coaling station at Tuiula and a company of marines will sail with Capt. Nevlile to garrison the situ-

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BELLATRE HAPPENINGS.

Matters of Interest in the Metropolis of Belmont County.

Two theves were caught on Gravel Hill yesterday afternoon by Marshal Johnston and Officers Mahone and Bahra. They had been prowling around in the outskir is of the town, and finally made an attempt 'to burglarize the homes of S. O. Cummins and John Mustralia. They were during fellows, and grave. They were daring fellows, and one of them was disposed to thow fight when he found they were caught, but a word of caution from the marshal made him yield up his wespon without pun-ishment. An unknown old fellow in the neighborhood who was unable to give a very good account of himself was also taken in charge, test he was in some way connected with the gang of raiders. The two younger chaps were tough-looking individuals, and will be given a hearing to-day. The arrests caused considerable excitement on the hill. very good account of himself

The state legislature is taking notice of the abuses of some of the privileges heretofore granted to towns and to voheretofore granted to towns and to vo-ters. There is a bill now up providing for primary elections of all parties to be held at the same time and place. This is to avoid the abuse of men vot-ing at all the primaries held, and thus helping to make all tickets. To vote more than at one of these is a violation of the law us it now is, but the present bill proposes to take away the opporbill proposes to take away the oppor-tunity for this class. Another bill pro-vides for the suppression of slot ma-chines of every kind or description, whether they pay cash, merchandise or grind out music in response to the nickel in the slot. The author alms to cut off any chance of criticism for dis-crimination as to slot machines.

Marshai Johnston arrested two Ben wood chaps, on suspicion of being the men who held up a citizen in that town an evening or two ago. The marshall received information that the men were trying to sell a good gold watch here at a price that aroused suspicion, but when they were arrested they had no watch of that character. Further investigation is going on. vestigation is going on.

Hon. E. B. Armstrong, the representative from this county, is one of the working members of the house finance committee, and the Columbus Dispatsh says he has ready for presentation a bill making part of the appropriations for state institutions.

Two cars jumped the track, rather the rails parted; and let them down on the ties in the Cleveland & Pittsburgh yard yesterday, causing some delay in the handling of freight, as it required considerable time to straighten matters out again.

Lawrence L. DuBois and Miss Carrie Meyers were quietly married at the home of the bride, Monday evening. Rev. E. A. Simons officiated. Only the immediate relatives were present. The excellent young people have the best wishes.

It is now announced that there will be a meeting of the Aetna Glass and Manufacturing Company on the 8th of February for reorganisation. The pro-February for reorganisation. The pro-jectors think there is no doubt now of starting the plant.

James A. Burson was re-elected su-perintendent of the county infirmary at a salary of \$500, his wife to be ma-tron and Miss Margaret Kirker to be assistant matron at \$180 per year.

Squire John W. Morrell performed the ceremony at his office that made William A. Jenkins and Miss Edith McDonald husband and wife Monday

The Uniform Rank, K. of P., and the American Mechanics band were out last night to help the Knights of the Gold-en Eagle, whose falls opened to Eagle, whose fair opened in Armory There was a meeting of the city coun

cli last night to consider further the plans of the proposed new city build-ing. It will front on Belmont street. Mrs. George E. Work returned to her home at Sistersville yesterday, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

R. Johnson. The suggestion that State Food Com

missioner Blackburn is to be a candi-date for a third term is not believed in Thomas McGough, deputy mine in-spector, went out along the Baltimore & Ohlo yesterday afternoon.

Miss Mary McAllister, of Cleveland, is the guest of Mrs. T. C. Nicholson. There are a few cases of scarlet fever

BENWOOD.

News Notes From the Busy Marshall County Town.

Property owners are unable to supply the demand for small houses in Ben-wood, and any respectable looking wood, and any respectable looking three or four-roomed house is gobbled up in a flash. There never was a greater demand for this class of houses and investments along this line should be profitable. When the contemplated additions to the fliverside are built there will be an additional army of renters, so the landlord wanting to get in on the ground floor would do well to build now. The argument that there isn't available ground in Benwood is partly true, when the steam and street ruilroad tracks and mill smoke are emonsidered. tracks and mill smoke are emonsidered, but it is not altogether true. Boxgs' run experienced a boom last year, and if building out there continues it will be in order to advocate a "Greater Ben-wood."

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The name of Jacob Milbaugh is being
mentioned for the Republican nomination for marshal, and while Mr. Milbaugh has not given the matter consideration he is being urged to run by his
friends. Mr. Milbaugh, who is a Riverside employe, is a resident of the Second ward, and there is no better liked
man in Benwood. He would grace the
office it elected, and prove a competent
and trustworthy official.

The funeral services over the remains
of the late Mrs. Mary A. Lander will
be conducted by Rev. G. W. Bent, at
the family residence on Water street at
2 o'clock this afternoon, and they will
be largely attended. The deceased,
whose death occurred Monday morning, had been a sufferer from lung trouble for years.

No time has been set yet by the Reenthlems for their meeting to select

No time has been set yet by the Republicans for their meeting to selec-

publicans for their meeting to select ward committees, but it is possible that next Saturday hight may be selected. The Democratis have taken the initia-tive in this respect and they betray an anxiety that is in contrast to the conf-dence and harmony in the Republican ranks. Some electric light consumers, princh

Some electric light consumers, principally merchants, are raising a kick over the light furnished this week, which they say is not strong enough, as if the power at the plant is weak. Considering that the rates have been advanced, they argue that they are entitled to better service.

Frank Wilhelm, of Wheeling, has bought out the saloon at the corner of Seventh street, from John J. Sliptner, and he has taken possession, Mr. Wilhelm will conduct a restaurant in connection, and in general maintain a first class place.

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Car No. 47 of the Wheeling Railway Company, collided with George Gibson's coal wagon, at Boggs' run, yesterday morning. The wagon wagnt injured, but the fender on the car was stove in Rumor has it that Frank W. Legge, who represented Marshall county in the



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